

The APPALLING DISTRESS of CHINA'S CHILDREN



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One of the worst famines in many years is now raging in China. Special cables from Peking, China, to the New York Times picture the situation:

"CHINA FAMINE SPREADS; 9,000,000 ARE STARVING.

"WHOLE COUNTIES IN SHANTUNG AND CHIHLI ARE DEPOPULATED.

"Of the sixty-five counties now stricken, thirty-five report less than 10 per cent of normal crops and the other thirty from 10 to 40 per cent.

"Hundreds of thousands are wandering aimlessly over the country tearing down houses for fuel and eating bark, roots and dried grass."

—Special Cable, December 27th.

"CHINESE SELL CHILDREN TO GET FOOD IN FAMINE."



"I was naked"

As they reached the Taianfu Home, Shantung Province.



"And Ye Clothed Me"

Soon after they entered the Home

"Young girls are being sold into concubinage, and worse, the price running from \$4 to \$25 according to the youth and comeliness of the girl. Parents with boys are selling their male offspring to couples less lucky."

—New York Times, January 9th.

In an editorial of January 10th bearing on this famine and the causes, the editor gives a clear in-

sight into the situation: "The pictures of the conditions are as appalling as ever—whole villages, having eaten the last shreds of nourishment, moving out en masse to seek food elsewhere, thus hastening the shortage in the districts into which they go, carrying with them sickness and disaster; *CHILDREN DYING BY THE THOUSANDS*, others sold into virtual slavery (referring to selling girls); old and young without fire or food in a bitter winter with no hope of relief in sight."

In the January 15th issue of The Times, this editor goes on to say:

"The children are the first to go (starve to death) and then the weak and aged." "The girls fare worse. Those who do not die are sold into slavery." "When, as in this case at present, the famine comes in winter, the suffering is all the more acute by the bitter cold and the lack of all means of heating." "The children are crying for the husks and their sisters abandoned to those who will pay the highest price. Families and entire villages are dying from cold and hunger. Disease is winning fresh triumphs. The only bright spot is that relief is being organized." This is from a practical editor careful of his facts, but deeply concerned about world affairs.



From the famine field entering the Yuanchow Home, Herman Becker, Supt.

Reports to Our Association Also Reveal the Same Facts

Private reports from all over China to us show a most deplorable condition.

The famine in Shantung and Chihli provinces, war, strife, and general chaos everywhere have made the condition of dependent children—"the children are the first to suffer"—indeed appalling. Millions of these face starvation and the number will increase until the harvest in June or July.

There are twenty-five welfare centers and orphanages throughout China seeking to save these starving children.

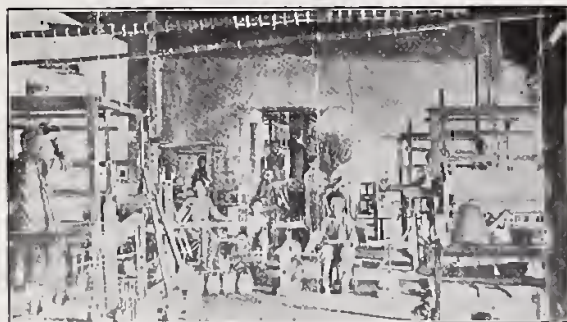
Notice Reports From These Centers

L. M. Anglin, Taianfu, in famine section: "Just

now the distress is awful. There is a group of children at the front door waiting to be taken in. Two girls walked eighty miles; a group of boys forty.—The crops around us in certain sections are a total failure. Before you can receive this I will have turned away hundreds of children (dying for the husks). Alas! our means are exhausted and we will have to send away the men and boys to beg or perhaps starve to death this winter"—if relief is not speedily sent.

Miss Patterson, a C. I. M. worker in Honan near the famine provinces: "Write me if you know of any way for us to get a little help, more or less. The way is easy to hand it over to Mr. Emberry of the C. I. M. to transmit to Sinan Orphanage. They have had an awful time here during the wars."

Dr. J. E. Shoemaker, Presbyterian Mission, Yuyao, referring to their work with dependent boys: "The heavy debt hanging over them makes a dark background for this winter and the following months."



Boys learning a trade in the Chinkiang Orphanage. Each child to be fitted for self support

What Can Be Done in the Midst of So Much Distress?

Fortunately there are these twenty-five welfare centers or homes of refuge for the dependent children. Five of these are located in the famine provinces; others are easily accessible. With the buildings they have and others that may be secured or improvised, many thousands of these starving children can be fed, clothed and given a practical education.

Such centers are, "As rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

These relief stations are especially concerned about the helpless children as they suffer first and their suffering is the most distressing. The Red Cross will look after other relief, as they are able.

These centers are conducted by dependable Committees of Chinese and their European and American friends. In addition to the several committees for these centers, there is a general committee in China and in North America composed of leading Chinese

and friends from the West, seeking to coordinate and unify all efforts to save as many children as possible.

Temporary Relief Used to Remove the Causes of Distress

It is not enough to feed these homeless, helpless children for a few days. They must be taught a trade, made self-supporting and enabled to contribute to permanent relief—removal of the causes of famine and such constant recurring calamities. This can be done through centers wisely conducted and made a vital part of the reconstructive program of China. Help the Chinese boys and girls to help themselves and their country.

"One act is worth a thousand arguments."—Gladstone.

Plans for Temporary and Permanent Relief

Our Association for the Welfare of the Children of China has been formed to cooperate with these



Girls in Training Chinking Home saved from a life worse than slavery

centers and other agencies in China to help solve the problem of relief for their suffering dependent children. We are seeking to help:

First, to raise one million dollars to bring immediate relief to the starving children wherever distress can be relieved, safeguarding all gifts and using these in the most effective way to carry out the worthwhile program. The National City Bank of New York are our bankers. They have dependable banking connections throughout China and we can safeguard and send all gifts through them to wherever needed.

Second, to raise another million to develop at strategic points welfare centers. These models to be used for research, experimentation and observation to learn the best methods to care for dependent chil-

dren—in all this to help build a new China. Models, such as these, will stimulate others to duplicate the same all over China.

How This Money May Be Raised

1. The children of North America to give one million dollars as a love gift to express their sympathy for their starving brothers and sisters in China. This would enlarge their sympathies and broaden their interest in international affairs. We cannot afford to permit millions of innocent children, who are in no way responsible for their present distress, to starve in China. We can easily save many thousands of these by giving up a movie, a



John Paau, an orphan started in a South China Home. He is working on his Ph.D. in University of Pa. Already a young man of great influence.

package of gum, or some other unnecessary bodily pleasure to provide the absolute necessities of life for these starving ones. Lasting friendship and good will would be created between the children of China and our country by such a gift.

Let each child give, if but a penny—the more who take part the better, and more useful the gift. Only a few cents a day (about 10c) to save a child, \$1 a week, \$4 a month, \$25 for six months, \$50 a year. Children in the schools, the homes and various organizations should come to the immediate relief of the children of China.

Gifts may also be made through memberships as follows:

Children's Membership

Any child giving \$1.00 a year shall be known as a CHILD MEMBER of the Association and shall be given a card with the following verse in English and Chinese:

*"Let not kindness and truth forsake thee;
Bind them about thy neck;
Write them upon the tablet of thy heart,
So shall thou find favor and good understanding
In the sight of God and man."*

Proverbs 3: 3,4.

Any child giving \$5.00 a year shall be enrolled as a member, given a badge in addition to the card, and also a book of pictures of child life in China.

Any child giving \$25.00 shall be known as an ASSOCIATE SUSTAINING MEMBER of the Association. He will be given a card, a silver badge, a picture of an orphan in China, and a book.



Boys in the Shiu Chow Center. We like our Home and thank our friends for making it possible

Any child giving \$50 shall be known as a FULL SUSTAINING MEMBER of the Association and shall be given a card, a book, and a silver badge, and the picture and name and address of some child in China with whom he may correspond.

"As children are directed so the nation will be."

*"Let Youth Shape the World While the
Vision Splendid is Still Before Its Eyes"
Junior Red Cross.*

2. The Adults Give Another Million.

"Whosoever gives unto an orphan starts a bank account with God."—Oliver J. Sands, American National Bank, Richmond, Va."

—The Near East Journal.

We will influence our whole future relation to the nation of China by the relief we give in this tragical period. Help given to save the children will count the most. As the children are started so goes the nation. This kind of work is easily seen and appreciated by the Chinese.

Not one of these 25 centers have been closed during the trouble.

Bolshevic wounds, suspicion and fear of military domination from the Western nations, the greed of exploitation must be overcome so that confidence and



After being in the Yuanchow Home for some time

friendship will prevail for all helpful future contacts. We must "pour on the oil" of pity and "show mercy" to help heal the terrible wounds now cankering China's life, bringing such a costly toll to childhood. "Make the world safe for childhood."

Our people have more than once come to the relief of those in distress. The common people of China regard the people of North America as their best friends, true and tried. They look to us for help in their distress. Not only will we cement our friendship and create deeper feeling of good will between Asia and America, but by helping now we would bring great encouragement to those who are striving to build up a better nation. It is not alone the money that counts—it is for the time the vehicle of expression—but the sympathy and good will shown never will be forgotten, and count for most after all.

Individuals, groups, organizations and foundations may help in the ordinary ways or through memberships.

"Our peace and security depend not so much on our storing up bullets over here for foreigners, as on storing up love over there for ourselves."

—John Andrew Holmes.

MEMBERSHIP

Monument Builders

Anyone giving enough to erect one or more buildings for the Association shall be known as a **MONUMENT BUILDER**. This building shall be named in his or her honor, or in memory of any person designated by the giver.

Cottage to provide a home for some 25 children	\$2,500
School building	5,000
Hospital and dispensary.....	10,000
Administration building	5,000
Building for all religious activities.....	20,000
Equipment for industrial, agricultural, reforestation, etc., work.....	15,000



We Will Be Friends

Founders' Membership

Anyone subscribing in one year the sum of \$1,000 for the work of the Association shall be known as a **FOUNDER MEMBER**. This \$1,000 may be used in erecting a memorial room in honor of the giver or in memory of some loved one, or used in creating a self-perpetuating child saving fund, supporting a child indefinitely, or used for the general work of the Association, as the founder desires.

Sponsor Membership

Any person subscribing in one year the sum of \$500 will be known as a **SPONSOR MEMBER**. This \$500 may be used to build a memorial room, or to fit a child for its life's responsibilities, or for the general work of the Association, as the sponsor member desires.

Life Membership

Anyone subscribing in one year the sum of \$100 shall be enrolled as a **LIFE MEMBER** of the Association—supports two children for a year.

Sustaining Membership

Anyone giving \$50 a year shall be enrolled as a **SUSTAINING MEMBER** of the Association—\$50 being the amount necessary to support a dependent child for a year in the home.

Annual Membership

Anyone subscribing the sum of \$10 shall be enrolled as a member of the Association for the year—the annual membership fee.

Associate Membership

Anyone subscribing \$5.00 a year shall be enrolled as an **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** of the Association.

Groups or classes subscribing the above amounts shall be considered as individuals and honors given to the group or class, as in the case of an individual. This applies to both the adult and children's memberships.

These gifts may be paid at once or any time during the year. Owing to the present distress, we urge that they be paid as soon as possible.

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thy hand to do it."—Proverbs.

TESTIMONIALS

Testimonials Bearing on This Kind of Work for China

1. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first president and greatest leader in new China: "Dr. Sun and I (Mrs. Sun wrote for him) appreciate very much your efforts to help the poor orphans of China by raising them amidst favorable conditions."

2. Dr. Paul Monroe of Columbia University, President International Institute, recently returned from a tour in China, writing about the situation there and the work of our Association, says: "The old family system is rapidly disintegrating. At least in-

numerable family units broken up and unprecedented numbers of their human fragments are left uncared for; since outside of the family system, slightly supplemented by the guild system, Chinese society has no way to care for such unattached dependents. Therefore, any work for orphans in China supplies a very pressing need. If supported and directed with the full cooperation of the Chinese, and if such endeavor establishes and maintains institutions which may be models for similar efforts on the part of the Chinese, it is well worthy of our support from this side."

"I understand the work of the Child Welfare Association endeavors to do these very things. While I have not seen the work personally, on my knowledge of the need and the statement of the plans of operation of the Association, I am convinced it is a very worthy philanthropy."

3. Dr. J. H. Franklin, Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board: "I am interested in what you write regarding the China Orphanage movement. I am sure the movement will do much for the boys and girls of China, and I wish you the highest measure of success in your plans."

4. Hon. Sao-Ke Alfred Sze, China's Minister at Washington: "I need hardly say that an association with so laudable an object has my sympathy and support."

The Chinese Consul-Generals in New York City and in Canada and other leading Chinese in the United States and Canada are cooperating heartily in this association to help save their childhood.

5. Missionaries associated with the China Inland Mission have had much to do with this kind of work. Dr. Henry W. Frost, foreign secretary, writing to us about these, says: "From the standpoint of the intimate knowledge of them and their service, we consider it a privilege to recommend what they are doing in behalf of China's orphans. The conditions of life in China are such as to give them a large field of work, and God is granting them both the heart and ability to bring peace and comfort into many needy orphaned lives."

6. Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, General Secretary, Federal Council of Churches: "I have been deeply interested in the plans of the Child Welfare Association of China, and they appear to me of the highest importance.

"The situation in China makes it all the more imperative that all such service should be maintained to the fullest possible extent, especially in behalf of children."

7. Dr. W. N. Turnbull, a leading pastor in New York City and Foreign Secretary of Christian and Missionary Alliance: "All people appreciate mercy to children. I am sure that your association will worthily represent America's attitude toward China.

From every standpoint your activities are commendable and I trust that unbounded success will follow you."

Send all gifts to the Association for the Welfare of the Children of China, or to the Treasurer, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Hugh R. Monro, Chairman, William Albert Harbison, Treasurer, J. R. Saunders, Executive Secretary.

NOTE: For the purpose of incorporation to avoid conflict in names Child Welfare Association of China has been changed to Association for the Welfare of the Children of China, Inc.



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Dear Friend of China:

Note the special cable to the New York Times from Shantung Province, sent January 24th, bearing on the present famine conditions:

"CHINESE HELPLESS AS FAMINE GROWS. PAINSTAKING INVESTIGATORS REPORT 4,000,000 WILL BE ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON CHARITY BEFORE MAY.

"Relief bodies say \$7,500,000 is needed to tide Shantung over until next harvest." "Unprecedented conditions this early in the famine." "The condition is extraordinary . . . wealthy farmers starving."

THE FAMINE

This refers to the one province of Shantung. Famine is also in Chihli Province and general chaos in many sections. The distress of dependent childhood is indeed deplorable. The number of adults facing starvation is appalling, yet the condition of the innocent helpless children is even worse.

A WAY TO HELP

Read carefully the enclosed folder explaining fully our plans. Our association is now incorporated with definite plans for relief. Our people, our nation, our civilization, our God will ever be judged by the present and future generations in China by the way we come to their relief in this hour of their terrible distress. Our love, our concern, our friendship is being tested by the response we make to their "unprecedented conditions."

A REMINDER TO THE FRIENDS

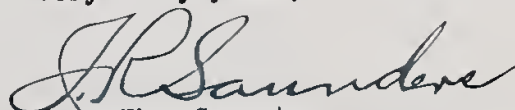
We are sending this letter to all who have in any way expressed interest in the present situation through letters to us, gifts or otherwise; also to names given to us by friends of China's childhood. We suggest that you read the literature and pass it on to others. Also become a worker by enlisting others to bring relief. What we do to meet the famine situation must be done speedily.

MEN OF TOMORROW

"The little folk of today may be
Tomorrow's men of affairs,
And you who have given will have your part
In moulding their souls and lives."

Send all gifts to the Treasurer, or to the Association for the Welfare of the Children of China, Inc., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Very truly yours,


Executive Secretary.

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